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Arizona Department of Public Safety arrests 51 impaired drivers in the East Valley during the FBR Open, the Super Bowl and related events

Since January 24th, Arizona Department of Public Safety East Valley Metro Officers made 51 DUI arrests during the time both the FBR Open and Super Bowl related events were scheduled in the Valley.

DPS worked with the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office and Scottsdale Police as part of a special DUI Enforcement Unit during that same week. The collective effort of all three agencies netted in excess of 120 DUI arrests in the East Valley. DPS made 51 of those arrests.

DPS Officers and officers from other agencies made several DUI arrests Super bowl Sunday in the West Valley.

As always, the Arizona Department of Public Safety encourages the public to drink responsively and choose a designated driver.

The mission of the Arizona Department of Public Safety, one of the most dynamic state-level law enforcement agencies in the United States, is to protect human life and property by enforcing state laws, deterring criminal activity, assuring the safety of the motoring public on Arizona's highways and providing vital scientific, technical and operational support to other criminal justice agencies. The Department, also one of Arizona's largest law enforcement agencies with some 2,200 sworn and civilian employees, consists of four divisions – Highway Patrol, Criminal Investigations, Criminal Justice Support and Agency Support. The Department is headquartered in Phoenix and has offices located in more than 80 communities within Arizona's 15 counties.